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The purpose of STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS as an organisation, is defined clearly by its title, to Investigate strange phenomena in its many categories. Such categories include reported hauntings ie, apparitions, poltergeist events, UFO sightings, and various forms of psychic events. SPI was formed in 1979. Involvement in SPI is more than academic beyond the appeal of the subject as a study. We are drawn to it because we share the mutual opinion that the subject demands Investigation and a definet awareness on as wide a scale as possible, and which will help to establish a firmer foundation that, "There are such things "

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EDITORIAL.



SPI were again on T.V. recently, this time on Scottish Televisions programme, "Scottish Women". What was I a male doing on a programme regarding Scottish women I hear you ask ? Well the programme's topic was Spiritualism and Life After Death, and I was invited. Joining myself on the day were Ian Shanes and Marie Tognin both psychics from Glasgow, and SPI's hypnotherapist, Helen Walters from Alva. We arrived in plenty of time and took ample attendance at the hospitality suite in which red and white wine, with a whole host of biscuits, nuts, sandwiches etc, were available for consumption, "and free too" ! Yes I partook slightly, wine always seems to taste better when its free !

Sceptic Susan Blackmore from Bristol was there, (see interview article this issue), as was Daphne and John Plowman of the Scottish Society for Psychical Research (SSPR) accompanied with Trish Robertson also of the SSPR. After mixing with guests in the hospitality suite, we were ushered into the studio, (Gateway Studios in Edinburgh), in which I quickly noticed that Ian Shanes and myself were the only males in the audience. The audience were largely made up of Spiritualists with a few sceptics thrown in for good measure ! James Byrne, a leading psychic medium from England was introduced to the audience and spoke briefly on Spiritualism and how he became involved in it, after which an ex STV newsreader did a warm up routine with the audience to lift their spirits, (if you excuse the pun) in order to shake the nerves from anyone facing T.V. cameras for the first time.

This chap's main comment was, "and whatever you do, don't pick your nose" ! yes, quite ? His routine over, presenter Kay Adams took the stage and again informed the audience that they should not be afraid to speak up, or put forward a point, because the show would be over before they knew it, (how right she was !)

The recording started and James Byrne quickly delivered a psychic message, but I feel he was fishing somewhat. He said that he was getting the name Andrews, "could anyone take the name Andrews", he said ? Well, in a large audience its obvious that someone could. He found a taker, upon which after giving a few details from spirit, the woman confirmed that his details were correct. James went on to say that he could see the woman entering a house or building which had the number 3 on it, could she take this ? "I live at number 23", the lady replied. I quickly responded by asking James, why, if the information is coming from spirit, is correct so far, could they not give him the exact house number ? I never received a proper answer, as another member of the audience took the subject in another direction.

What really must be said, is that in no way can you cover a subject as deep as Spiritualism in just 40 minutes. One woman who did not believe in Spiritualism and Life After Death, and strongly voiced her opinion, was met after she had spoken with a barrage of laughs and shouts of, you

don't know what you are talking about. This was a bit unfair coming from the Spiritualists, for she was after all, due her opinion, even though it was outdated and uneducated! The near death experience as a spiritual event, was shot down in flames by sceptic Susan Blackmore who again received the derision from some quarters of the audience. Daphne Plowman related a case that the SSPR had previously worked on, after which SPI's Helen Walters briefly spoke on the topic which the audience were currently debating which was, 'mothers in spirit checking down on their offspring', was there a fear factor of the mother, even though she was in spirit?

All too soon though it was over, and much, "very much" was left unsaid. I continually had my hand up requesting another chance to speak, for I too had so much to say, but once the female gender began their vociferous deliberation, it's hard even to get a word in edge-ways. I don't think anything was achieved by this programme, it certainly won't convert anybody into Spiritualism, still, if it creates a spark of interest in somebody somewhere, then it will have served its purpose.

UFO capital Bonnybridge for Japanese TV 'stardom'

TOKYO, Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen, London, Los Angeles ... and Bonnybridge?

Strange as it may seem, the locals of the town are set to star in a UFO special on Japanese Television. Producers want to speak to anyone who has had a close encounter of the Bonnybridge kind.

The Media Escort Agency of Japan is touring the world's UFO hotspots — and they say Bonnybridge is THE place to be. Since December last year, residents have been meeting to compare notes on a strange craft which seems to have taken the community under its wing. Many people claim to have spotted something in

the skies over Bonnybridge, and neither the Civil Aviation Authority nor the Ministry Of Defence can explain it away.

The Japanese TV crew fly in on May 26 and stay until May 28. Before reaching Bonnybridge they will have travelled all over the globe searching out eye witness accounts from Europe and America.

Malcolm Robinson is the founder of Strange Phenomena Investigations. He has been looking at the Bonnybridge incidents since January this year.

Mr Robinson said: "I'm pleased they have decided to include Bonnybridge because there's a lot going

on. Bonnybridge is the hot spot of Scotland. It's just a simple wee Scottish town but something has taken a liking to it."

The TV crew will stay in the Norwood Hotel and there will be an open invitation to anyone with a sighting to tell Japanese viewers about it.

See page 32 for an update on the Bonnybridge UFO sightings.

FAMOUS QUOTES.

You can't know anything to be a fact until you have proved it, you can't prove it until you have tested it, you can't test it until you know what you are testing, you can't test anything until you have found it, and you can't find anything until you know what you are looking for!

IVAN T. SANDERSON.

It is amazing that people will quite readily accept the wonders of the laser, the theory of black holes in space, and the technological miracles of today, but when it comes to the Loch Ness Monster, they somehow need to see for themselves!

TONY HAMRMSWORTH, Curator
Loch Ness Monster Exhibition
Drumnadrochit, Scotland.

The Stirling Observer May 5th.

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"FIRE IN THE SKY", BASED ON THE TRUE STORY OF TRAVIS WALTON.

It is the evening of November 5, 1975. A group of loggers are in a pickup truck on a mountain road in a northeastern Arizona forest when they observe a strange and unusually bright light in the sky. Despite warnings from his co-workers but consumed by curiosity, Travis Walton leaves the safety of his truck to take a closer look. Suddenly, Walton is thrust to the ground by a mysterious force of energy. His companions flee in fear. Later, they describe the events surrounding the disappearance of Travis Walton. They report an occurrence they would have considered impossible if they hadn't experienced it themselves—an encounter with a UFO.

For five days the loggers are suspected of homicide until Walton reappears—disorientated and unable to account for his missing time. Walton's recollections of being aboard an alien craft bring international attention to their small town of Snowflake, Arizona. There are accusations of a hoax but all must consider the possibility that the men are telling the truth. Is their account of what happened so incredible it can only be true?

"FIRE IN THE SKY" is a Joe Vizan/Todd Black Production based on the true story of Travis Walton, whose alleged abduction by a UFO is one of the most intriguing and controversial UFO cases.

Starring D.B.Sweeney (The Cutting Edge), Craig Sheffer (A River Runs Through It), Peter Berg (Late For Dinner), and Academy Award nominee James Garner, the film was produced by Joe Vizan and Todd Black and directed by Robert Lieberman from the screenplay by Tract Torme. The film's special effects were created by Industrial Light and Magic.

The biggest mysteries and greatest miracles in history have few witnesses and those compelled to relate unprecedented experiences have inevitably faced contempt and ridicule. In 1975 an Arizona woodsman came forward to tell about a startling sequence of events. Seventeen years later, controversy still surrounds the incident. The subject of an autobiographical book, THE WALTON EXPERIENCE, and many other publications concerning UFOs, the event is one of the best-documented claims of an alien encounter on record, corroborated by a group of witnesses whose stories have not changed. Walton's ordeal called into question his beliefs about the nature of life as he and the other loggers simultaneously faced the challenges posed by those who couldn't accept their account.

"At first I was angry at people's disbelief, even outraged," remembers Walton. "Back then, a lot of that had to do with the fact that there were so many falsehoods being told. I've gotten more philosophical about the skepticism of people. It's not such an unnatural reaction. It's an incredible this (that happened). What gets me upset is when people refuse to examine the facts or to even look at things."

"This is a story that speaks to human character and behaviour about our inclination to presume the worst in someone before considering ideas that challenge our own skepticism," comments producer Joe Vizan.

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Director Robert Lieberman says, "Not only are we confronted with the enigma of truth or hoax, but the consequences faced by those who become ostracised from their community."

Screenwriter Tracy Torme identifies the film as a study of "how a single event can alter your life forever just by (your) being unlucky enough to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. 'FIRE IN THE SKY' is also about friendship and betrayal--and forgiveness." Torme first heard of the Walton case while listening to the radio in high school. A decade later he travelled to Snowflake with co-producer Robert Strauss to investigate the story. "I spoke extensively with Travis Walton and the other men who were involved, including Mike Rogers," says Torme, a Peabody award-winner and screenwriter of "INTRUDERS", a mini-series that also depicted UFO abduction cases. "Most of the guys had not seen each other in the past ten years. I questioned them individually and their answers always held up. Each man believed he was telling the truth. I think they all had been traumatized by whatever happened that evening. It was a nightmare for them."

Co-producer Robert Strauss adds, "Travis went ten years without a telephone to avoid answering questions about that night. He installed one only a few days before Tracy Torme called. He must have considered that an omen because he finally agreed to talk about everything." "He was really intrigued by the idea of finally telling his story and trying to do it in some way that was more honest than the way some of the newspapers and the media portrayed it," adds Torme.

Comments executive producer Wolfgang Glattles, "These men's story has never changed. A bizarre as their account is, it's equally difficult to believe it was a hoax."

"FIRE IN SKY" is released in the UK on June 25th, 1993. The above material was supplied by United International Pictures (UK) and edited by Philip Mantle.

COMPETITION. United International Pictures have kindly donated a number of promotional 'FIRE IN THE SKY' items. To win an original copy of the soundtrack from the film on audio cassette simply answer the question below. All correct entries will be placed 'in a sporran' and one winner will be drawn out. Ten runners-up will each receive a colour brochure detailing the movie. All entries should be sent to: Philip Mantle, SPI, 1 Woodhall Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 7SW. Closing date is August 31st, 1993. The winner will be announced in a future issue of ENIGMAS. The question is:

For how many years after his experience did Travis Walton not have a telephone in his home?

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NESSIE 'JUST A LARGE FISH'



(Editor's Note. Of course being a Scottish magazine, I regularly receive letters from overseas readers asking on the latest sightings of "Nessie" Scotland's favourite "monster"! Rip Hepple who edits the Loch Ness Newsletter (details from him at Huntshieldford, St John's Chapel, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, England, DL13 1RQ), has given me permission to reprint the following interesting "Nessie" (?) sighting from his Newsletter. See what you make of this.)

Mr and Mrs Fulton sent Steve Feltham an account of what they witnessed, and earlier spoke to him about it. They were on a cruising holiday and were passing through Loch Ness. They moored overnight at Urquart Castle. The following morning, Saturday 19th September 1992, they left at about 10.30am setting course for Fort Augustus. There was a heavy mist which kept rising and settling again, the water was very calm and they hoped it would remain so. They had been under way for about half an hour when the mist lifted for a spell, giving good visibility. When Mr Fulton saw, heading towards them about twelve feet from the starboard of their cruiser what appeared to be two ears cutting the water. He wrote, "...They were of pointed origin. I shouted to my wife Susan, look at that, what the hell is that in the water?" She said, "Oh my God". "I said quick, get the camera she said it was no use, I must have left it on, and the batteries were flat."

All this time the ears were showing above the surface of the water. I would register a guess that the ears were roughly ten inches apart. It appeared to me that it was about to turn back to the boat after passing. For a moment I lost sight, because I had to steer the boat. I shouted to my wife "is it still there?" She said yes, then she said that it has gone now. We are still bewildered by what we saw, but we are both certain it was ears, pointed, and of dark brown colour..."

Rip Hepple goes on to mention in his Newsletter that they (the Fulton's) were on one of Jim Hogan's boats, and reported it to him on their return. It was Jim who sought Steve out and took him to see Mr Fulton. After they had spoken to Steve about it, they had been discussing it between themselves. He asked his wife if she had seen any turbulence in the water after it passed. She said that she had noticed some. Also, something that had frightened her, was when it passed the boat, the ears "turned" as if it was looking at the boat before it disappeared. This is one for the collection. There have been reports of nostril/snorkels breaking the surface, but as far as I can recall, never ears. What could it be?

The pointed protrusions had been in line, one explanation could be the dorsal and tail fins of a large fish. It could be suggested that it was the dorsal fins of two fish swimming parallel. Considering the time the ears must have been in view, that would have been quite a feat of fishy synchronized swimming!

(c) Rip Hepple.

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VISIONS OF BOWMEN AND ANGELS
by Kevin McClure

Using an array of contemporary reports in this booklet, Kevin McClure considers the strange events said to have occurred at the time of the Retreat from Mons, in August 1914.

As well, he presents the first balanced and objective account of reports of visions during the First World War including: the Agincourt Bowman, Angels, Jesus Christ, St George and more.

"Visions of Bowman and Angels" will be of great interest to students of the paranormal, of the work of Arthur Machen, of religious experiences, and the history of the First World War.

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Poltergeist Pandemonium

By Peter Hough

Have you ever discovered that items put down in a certain place have mysteriously vanished or moved to another location, yet no one seems to know anything about it? Or after searching the same suit half a dozen times looking for car keys, found in the pocket where you originally remembered placing them? Of course your family and friends will generously remind you of your forgetfulness, pointing out that if something was placed under your nose you would not see it. In almost all cases, this will probably be the explanation. Sometimes however, the mysterious movement or teleportation of objects is indicative of poltergeist phenomena.

An acquaintance of mine, a man with a responsible position with a major television company, will not buy screwdrivers with red handles. They seem to disappear. Several of these tools went missing over a period of months, at the end of which he went away on holiday. On returning home, he unlocked the door to his workshop and found all the screwdrivers had mysteriously been returned, placed neatly on his desk. Blue, black, green handled screwdrivers are no problem, but the red ones!

UFO percipient Shelley Barnes and her mother recounted several instances of poltergeist type phenomena which occurred after her experience. A number of dress and wedding rings gradually went missing. Mrs Barnes was about to Hoover the lounge when both she and Shelley were surprised by a loud clattering noise. All the missing rings had just fallen from behind a mirror onto the fireplace. At other times, a heady perfume pervaded the house, and Mrs Barnes saw an apparition of her dead father. A more than welcome occurrence was the discovery of a bundle of notes in a drawer. No one in the family knew where the money had come from! The poltergeist phenomenon can vary by degree of intensity and by the number of components each case may exhibit. These components consist basically of the following.

Auditory effects such as rappings, knocking sounds etc. Movement of objects observed or unobserved, destruction of objects, and, very rarely, the slaughter of animals, disappearance and re-appearance of objects; effects directly associated with some sort of supernatural entity, such as footsteps, voices, and the materialisation of human and non-human apparitions. Each case exhibits some of these components and very occasionally all of them. In nearly all cases it is easy to conclude that one person in the household is the focus, or epicentre for the phenomenon. The following illustrates this point nicely. A Mystery Investigated by Professor George Owen in 1961.



SCOTLAND'S MOST FAMOUS POLTERGEIST CASE.

(Editor's note. We learned from our last issue of ENIGMAS, of a haunting in the town of Sauchie, about a mile and a half from where I live during 1987. The following case which Peter relates, is again from the town of Sauchie, and it is unequalled in the annals of Scottish poltergeist events.)

During the autumn of 1960, an eleven year old child called Virginia went to stay with her elder brother and his wife in Sauchie Central Scotland. After going to bed on Tuesday 22nd November, she was disturbed by a "thunking" noise reminiscent of a bouncing ball. Virginia went downstairs to complain and the curious sound followed her into the living room. During tea the following day, her relatives were amazed to see the sideboard move several inches from the wall then back again. The Reverend Lund was called to the house at midnight on Wednesday the 23rd November. Virginia was in bed but awake. He heard violent knocking sounds coming from the headboard, and saw a linen chest rise slightly off the floor and travel eighteen inches before returning. With both phenomenon Reverend Lund detected vibrations emanating from the affected objects. When Virginia slept, nothing at all occurred.

A Dr Nisbet was there the next evening and heard knocking and sawing noises. He also observed a curious "rippling" pass across the girl's pillow, and saw it twist to one side. The phenomenon even decided to follow Virginia to school! (Editor's note. I traced a number of Virginia's classmates who all informed me that they witnessed various incredible phenomena occurring in the class whilst Virginia was there, one of which was the teacher's 3 foot cane which rose from a horizontal position on her desk, to a vertical position, and thudded violently down on her desk. Other incidents were desk top lids, rising of their own accord whenever Virginia passed by)

Miss Stewart, her teacher, noticed during a school lesson that Virginia seemed to be pressing down unusually hard on her desk. When she released the pressure, the lid opened of its own accord. This happened three times later, a vacant desk close by lifted slightly into the air. Miss Stewart investigated at once, and was certain that no trickery was involved. When the phenomenon showed no signs of abating, Virginia was transferred to an aunt living nearby, but the rappings and agitated knockings followed her there too! Once more back in Sauchie things quietened down until 1st December, then all the usual things resumed. Although attempted filming of these effects met with failure, a tape recording was successfully made of knocking and harsh rasping noises. Afterwards prayers of intercession were made, and eventually the phenomenon died out altogether. It is easy to see that Virginia was at the centre of these manifestations. In fact, in most cases the focus is female and aged between ten and twenty, although sometimes there does not seem to be a focus at all.

Harper's Magazine of 1962 published an account of a middle aged businessman and his wife who rented an isolated house at Cape Cod for the

summer. They were its first occupants even though it was nine years old. It began with the sound of a cane tapping against a brick wall near the door. This continued almost every night for several months always around 10pm. The husband made many attempts to surprise the 'culprit' but no one was ever seen. Other sounds developed, something like a box of matches falling to the floor, a sheet of newspaper swishing about the room, and an uncanny resemblance to a rolling pin rolling against a wall. In the third week they first heard the footsteps. They sounded like men's feet in tough leather shoes with hard solid heels. They always sounded on the opposite floor to the one they were on at the time.

During mid summer, the couple became acquainted with the 'grand piano smash, a deafening crash from the garage which made the house quiver. The man was a publisher, and in September, a lawyer, his wife and daughter, came to stay while a contract was sorted out. Upon hearing about the strange sounds, the lawyer was completely sceptical. His outlook changed dramatically while alone one evening with the publisher. Heavy footfalls sounded upstairs, and later he was awoken by the grand piano smash. Modern poltergeist theorists must find cases like this uncomfortable. Where is the focus for this manifestation? As early as 1930, parapsychologist Hereward Carrington wrote.

"An energy seems to be radiated from the body when the sexual energies are blossoming into maturity. It would almost seem as if these energies instead of taking the normal course, find this curious means of externalization".

Most modern researchers therefore conjecture that the poltergeist is a physical manifestation of inward emotional turmoil. Swiss psychologist Carl Jung made a similar statement when discussing UFOs.

"When an inner process cannot be integrated, it is often projected outwards".

But how can this hope to explain all poltergeist cases? Throughout history nothing much has changed with the nature of the poltergeist components: Gerald of Wales, a scholar of the 12th century, recorded incidents of mud flinging, spirit voices speaking in aggressive tones, and holes maliciously cut in garments. Such incidents were thought to either have an exotic explanation, or to be due to natural causes, such as outright deception, death watch beetles, shrinking timbers, and underground streams. All of these are still considered today when making an evaluation. Alternatively, they were presumed to be the diabolical work of demons.

Unfortunately demons are not very popular with today's parapsychologists. They prefer a more scientific approach with a credible scientific hypothesis. The likes of demons do not fit into this. Instead the phenomenon has been linked with psychokinesis, the alleged ability of some people to cause inanimate objects to move by some unknown energy directed from the mind. Poltergeists, according to this reasoning, are nothing more than spontaneous psychokinesis. (Continued next issue).

S.P.I. CASE RESEARCH WORK.



(Editor's note. I take from the files of SPI, a strange case concerning a lady from Edinburgh, who has experienced a whole host of puzzling incidents as the following details now relate.)

THE STRANGE EXPERIENCES OF AUDREY HUNTER.

It was when Audrey was aged 22 that she first encountered "psychic phenomenon". It was during the time she was in the nursing profession and was nursing at a psychiatric hospital. Doors would open and close when no one was near them. Audrey informed me that she had ruled out draughts and bad alignment of the doors as a possible cause. She also during this time, experienced in this hospital, a strong feeling of "presences but never detected any 'visible' signs to back up these feelings. This was quite an unusual time for her she related. On another occasion, Audrey went to the Sister's ward room where she approached a nursing colleague. As Audrey came towards a table, she was startled, as was her colleague, when a cup which was on the table, moved sharply across the surface of the table, if that wasn't enough, the door which she had just come in, and which she had closed behind her, opened of its own accord.

UFO OVER PERTH 1979 ?

Audrey's next strange experience occurred in the year 1979 in the town of Perth in Scotland. Audrey was still at this point in the nursing profession. Audrey explained in her testimony to me that she had left the nursing home where she was staying to go into the town of Perth for a message, this was in the month of September on a Monday afternoon around 12.30pm. As Audrey was walking along a railway bridge near Perth market place, her attention was drawn to a strange object in the sky. Audrey informed me that she is a bit of a plane spotter due to the fact that there is a small air base nearby, Scone Airport. At first Audrey thought that this was some sort of training plane, but she soon realised that this was something totally different and she could not take her eyes off it.

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However, another strange thing developed at this point. Audrey mentioned that all background noise faded away, and no sound what-so-ever could be heard. No traffic noise, no background chatter, which was unusual as Perth market was nearby, (shades of Jenny Randles Oz Factor?) The following is from Audrey's own written testimony.

.... "I remember looking up and observing what I thought was a training aircraft from the local flight training school at Scone Aerodrome, but I soon came to realise that it was very different. It appeared to have no wings and had a large light brown dome in front. I seemed to be looking at it from a left hand side view. As the sun shone on the dome on the

front of the craft, I could clearly make out the crew. They appeared to be sitting at some sort of control panel, with their left hands on a handel. They seemed to be dressed in a type of "black wet suit". There were five of them. The one in the middle seemed larger than the others, he appeared to be looking at them, and then leaned forward to look down at me...." Audrey informed me during my interview, that she seemed to be able to see right into this object when at an early point it was some distance away. Even considering the height and angle of the object, she was surprised that she saw so much detail. She also remembers that at this point she was "rooted to the spot" she wanted to move but found that she couldn't.

The object continued coming towards Audrey in a straight line and she was by now becoming increasingly alarmed, especially as the "figure" continually stared at her. She began to doubt her own sanity at this point, and wondered if this was some form of hallucination. The object continued to come closer in which she saw even more detail. She then noticed that the tall chap had distinct 'slanted eyes' and looked oriental in feature. The clothes, or wet suits as she described them came up to just over their chin, and across the back of their head to just above the eyes. Audrey felt that she just had to look away from these menacing staring eyes, this she did, and she was aware of seeing a woman on a bicycle who, apparently, was not paying the slightest attention to what Audrey was witnessing. The total lack of noise was still a feature of this amazing visual experience.

Audrey was then surprised to see black smoke coming from the back of this object as it came ever closer. She did not see any markings on this object. The object was now only around 20 to 25 feet away from Audrey. However, Audrey was then relieved to see this object begin to move away from her in a most peculiar fashion, it traversed back the way it came "without turning round" ! It then seemed to go behind a cloud and did not come back out again. Indeed, when the cloud dissolved, the object was nowhere to be seen. Audrey informed me that she saw the same or similar object, a few weeks later, but at a greater distance, but it was in the same locality.

I asked Audrey if she had reported this incident to any authority and she replied that she had told a few nurses but they had all laughed. She did not phone the Scone Aerodrome to enquire if they had any flights in the area at that time ! I've since learned that there were a few UFO reports featured in the Dundee Courier (a large newspaper) a few days prior to Audrey's sighting, but these reports did not match what she herself saw. Since then, Audrey has witnessed a number of strange lights in the sky, mostly red, which she cannot account for.

A TRAIN JOURNEY WITH A DIFFERENCE !

This experience, was again distressing to Audrey, but she assures me that it did take place and it is the most puzzling thing that she has ever experienced in her life. It was back in 1982 that Audrey left Dundee train station at 11.45am on to her destination which was Edinburgh. The journey was pleasant and the scenery was nice as she gazed

out of the window. After a while, the train pulled into Cupar station where everything seemed to be going haywire. Audrey noticed as she gazed out of the window, a guard rushing up to the train then entered it explaining to the passengers that the train would be delayed due to something that had happened to a puller ? Audrey continued to look out of the window where she then observed lots of police and an ambulance. It was here at Cupar station that she saw a young chap come onto the train, come into Audrey's compartment, and sit directly opposite her.

There seemed to be quite a lot of activity going on outside the train at this point, and a most peculiar sight was that of a Scot Rail guard, rush back and forward, back and forward saying "something's happened" ! Audrey couldn't understand the behaviour of this guard and his movements ! At this point Audrey distinctly heard "religious music" pervading throughout the carriage, it was that of music played on a recorder. She just couldn't account for this and just didn't know where it was coming from. This chap who had just come on the train and had sat opposite Audrey, got up out of his seat and said that he was going outside for a look. On his return, Audrey noticed that he was quite shaken and informed her that there was a whole line of police out there, and that no one could tell him what happened.

Amazingly, this Scot Rail guard was STILL running up and down the platform shouting, "something's happened, something's happened" Another puzzling aspect to this already peculiar incident, was that Audrey then saw a number of people getting into a line of taxis of which they appeared to be in a great hurry to do so. She couldn't account for this as Cupar is a small station. She also observed that the ambulance now had it's back doors open, and that two men were carrying an empty stretcher towards it. Audrey felt, that as she was a nurse, she would go out and offer her assistance, however, she just couldn't get out of her seat ! At this point a guard came onto the train and said that he thought that they would now be moving on. A few minutes later, a light that was fixed onto a bridge, came on, and she felt the train shudder and pull out of Cupar station.

Still quite puzzled by these incidents, she was then surprised to see a child lean right out of the train door and start to make faces at her, she can't recall going over to the child to pull him back into the train. Amazingly, this child, maintained this position and antics all the way up to the Forth Rail Bridge which was quite some distance !

Audrey was now becoming increasingly alarmed, everything seemed totally ludicrous, she thought that she was in some sort of "Twilight Dream". To cap it all, as they approached the Forth Rail Bridge, the chap opposite her, and who as we recall got on at Cupar Station, started to talk all 'funny', (as if someone was talking through him as



Audrey recalled. As the train pulled onto the Forth Rail Bridge, this chap said to Audrey, that there was 'another world' below the water of which the bridge spanned, (The Firth Of Forth). He said that it was a beautiful place and that he used to live there. Audrey immediately asked him, "how could you possibly have lived there" ? He replied that he had come into our world for his work ? and continued by saying that he wished that he had never left that beautiful place. Audrey said, "are you sure that you did not live near the bridge, on Inchcape Island perhaps" ? The chap replied "no, there is a better world down there and I hope one day to go back to it, but I feel that it will be a long time before I ever do so".

Audrey was now convinced that she was going crazy. She assessed her situation and was convinced as she could be, that this WAS NOT A DREAM, she hadn't fell asleep on the train. No, she was fully awake, and awake of her senses, awake of her surroundings, and fully awake to what was now going on, but for the life of her she couldn't explain any of it. The chap continued to speak to Audrey about this world under the water then he mentioned briefly where he was working at present. He told Audrey that he had to get a few taxis and buses to his place of work, which he explained he 'intensely disliked' ! As far as Audrey can recall she was sure that he said that he worked in a nuclear power station, but can't recall where about. The chap kept saying that he dreaded going there, and that he should never have left his world !

Eventually the train reached Waverly Station in Edinburgh and Audrey noticed that this strange chap made a quick exit, but before he was fully out of the carriage, he turned round to Audrey and said, "By the way, you'll read about today's accident in the papers tomorrow", and with that he stepped out of the carriage and was quickly lost in the crowd. As Audrey pondered over what he had said, she heard over the station's tannoy intercom, an announcement which stated that, 'Scot Rail were sorry for the late arrival of the Dundee to Edinburgh train which was held up at Cupar station'. Not long after Audrey left the train, she began to feel sick and disorientated. That same day, she mentioned to her fellow nurses about her strange train journey. She had to, for they had commented on how terrible she looked.

One chap who worked at the hospital and was listening to this, said that he had an uncle who worked at Cupar Station, and he could check through him if in fact the train was delayed at Cupar. This he did, and on returning to inform her, said to her, "I've got something to tell you and I hope you don't faint on me". Puzzled by this remark, Audrey asked him to tell her what it was. The chap then said that the train did NOT stop at Cupar station, and that there were NO accidents reported there, and anyway, surely if there had been an accident, then it would have been reported on the six O clock BBC news. Accepting this with puzzlement, Audrey then asked, "well why was the train late, why did I get into Waverly station at 4,0 clock instead of 2, 0 clock ? With a shake of his head, her informant replied, "I really don't know".

Audrey felt that the station announcement was still part of this strange episode. Again Audrey stated in her testimony to me, that this was no dream, this event really happened ! (More on this case in a future issue)

UFOs ARE REAL

ASK OUR GOVERNMENT

THOUGHTS ON THE PRESENT DAY HUMAN CONDITION AND THE UNIDENTIFIED

FLYING OBJECTS FROM EARTH. (Never has so much been believed by so few and denied by so many, such is the problem presented by the UFO)

JOHN HOLMAN - WRITER & INVESTIGATOR

I offer these thoughts on the UFO subject for discussion, they are by no means written as representative of the entire problem. It would seem apparent that there is "something" about this subject, the implications of which far surpass any thoughts centered on a belief or denial. Those who deny the existence of the UFO often do this vehemently. I suggest that they do this because in reality they are believers also, and therefore only one option is really applicable. What exactly are both groups of people believing in ? To generate such fierce denials this covert belief must surely extend beyond the simple interpretation of the UFO as an extraterrestrial vehicle. If this was all the UFO represented, and quite clearly it does not, there could be no purposeful arguments for its non-existence. Mankind is nearly scratching at the surface of the observable universe, who knows what manner of beings populate it. There can be no justifiable arguments against the idea that some of the more complex varieties have been, and are visiting Earth.

Many of those who deny the UFO reality are perhaps doing this through fear of a subordinate human position. They presuppose the UFO operates from applications of a super human technology, the power of which could be set against mankind. This in itself may be a justifiable fear, but I suggest that these denials stem from an even greater fear. This "something" of the UFO issue appears to have connections with human ancestry. I believe we may possess an inherited race memory of some past and awful time, and the UFO is the trigger for its recall.



The idea that the UFO may be as old as recorded history is still open to argument, but my contention includes a notion that it is in fact older. I am certainly not on my own in suggesting that the forces which the UFO represent pre-date mankind. As a consequence of this notion, the UFO as being representative of a purely extraterrestrial artefact becomes a little less attestable. The UFO now becomes considerably more influential than mere visitations by beings from another planet. We perhaps wrongly assume two things, that mankind is able to see all there is of the world, and we are its masters. I believe the trigger has been fired, our memories are being to recall some hard disturbing but vital truths. Perhaps it is this evolving memory that is responsible for the fierce denials, the reluctance to even look at the facts and why the whole UFO problem is being played down.

If the problem has potentially always been present, are our current fears justified? After all, these forces could presumably have chosen any time in the past to rid the Earth of its parasitic human population. It would seem improbable that they should choose to do this now when the world's population is so much greater. Perhaps our fear is not so much one of extermination, but one of outside control. It is possible that in time, each and every one of us will come to realise that our world is indeed under the influence of nonhuman forces. An expanding awareness to this fact makes immediate sense of the distortion and denials of the problem.

The fact remains that whether we like it or not, the UFO is a reality and it would appear on the surface that we are being visited by many diverse forces. Those who still persist in ignoring this fact, will have to understand that the UFO is escalating its numbers, and at the same time it is reinforcing its controlling position. These forces are doing this by leaving real and observably lasting traces of their existence. It would appear that they have chosen this time to re-exert their seemingly superior nature to outwit mankind. Can we really afford to ignore what is so obviously taking place?

What are the aspects of human behaviour deemed necessary to be controlled and how might this be achieved? I suggest the following as a possibility.



I realise that the interpretation of the UFO as a mechanism of human control has been suggested by many other writers, and I acknowledge them for this. A part of the current UFO problem, appears to be building upon some of our worst fears. The forces involved are doing this by presenting us with lasting physical evidence of what outwardly seem to be malevolent actions. There is much dispute as to whether our interpretation of hostile intent is correct. I suggest that these forces are in fact, play acting, and throwing back at mankind demonstrations of our own malpractices.

They are responding to our weakening morality, by adopting patterns of behaviour symbolic of our own fall into darkness. In this sense, we only have ourselves to blame for their actions and our own two edged predicament. They are perhaps masquerading as the forces of darkness to show us our own fallen condition, the dark side of UFOlogy is really the light, their meaning are the same, and the real demons are to be found within humanity. If we dream of conquering the heavens, then they will do it for us. If we aspire to great and wonderful things, then they will do this also. If this be so, they will continue in this voyage until we recognise our condition, and in a very real sense these forces become our masters, our controllers, and our measure of reality. At the same time the aggressor now becomes the saviour, and our worst fears are transformed into humility. In effect, real contact is established between mankind and a non-human intelligence. We look at the UFO problem with fear in our eyes, because we see a reflection of our own condition.

Nature always reveals its other side, there exists within the UFO issue forces that seemingly do not hide behind the mask of darkness. These forces appeal directly to mankind's sense of correctness and wonder, and these forces are also leaving lasting impressions. These impressions are indeed wondrous and magical to behold. We seem to have two options a clear choice between the light and the dark, perhaps this duality is really shades of the same control, a control of liberation and not one of subjugation. The UFO and its effects are showing us our worst and best, they are here to damn our present condition, not to drive us into submission to dark and evil forces.

If these forces are the same forces that pointed the way in previous epochs, then perhaps they are somehow intrinsically bound to mankind. There must be a connecting thread, a commonality between us, this control must be necessary for both our destinies. These forces have to be escalating these interactions with mankind, because it is required at this time. Our continual apathy towards their existence, is most certainly a factor, as must be our apathy towards our condition. It would seem clear that this escalation is an attempt to spread this control, and whether we like it or not, this problem is ours and of our own making. Those who take the time to look at this issue, realise its importance. The UFO and its effects are reinstating many of our old and necessary doctrines, and in so doing, we are being brought face to face with some of our most vital and urgent questions. These forces appear to have coloured our most distant past, and are now presenting us with a new interpretation of reality in which our present evils can have no part.

I suggest that these are some of the reasons for the never ending denial distortion and ridiculing of the most important subject. Should we really be ignoring what is so obviously taking place?

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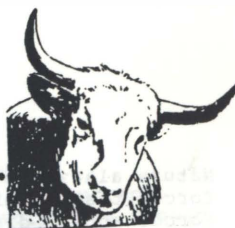
Anyone seen anything strange?

I was recently sent a vast volume of British UFO newscippings collected over the years by UFO researcher Steve Gerrard of Southampton. Steve has been collecting UFO and crop circle newspaper reports for many years now and would like to add to his collection. So if you have any UFO or crop circle articles in your collection, then Steve would like to hear from you. Indeed, you could exchange data. I was impressed by Steve's collection, and I only saw part of it! Steve also edits the Southampton UFO group newsletter which you may subscribe to for £5.00 per year. (Its monthly!) So whether you care to subscribe to Steve's newsletter or have newspaper cuttings to send or exchange, then write to Steve at 25 Weston Grove Road, Woolston, Southampton, Hampshire, England, SO2 9EE

1992 Animal Mutilation

Update By Linda Moulton Howe.

(Part Two)



I have also seen an "embalmed" animal. In May 1980 when I was producing the documentary "A Strange Harvest", a rancher east of Colorado Springs found one of his horses dead and mutilated. As often happens, mutilations aren't reported for several days. In this case, the crew and I filmed about 20 days after the horse was first found dead. The weather had been warm, but still there were no maggots. Another week later, after the horse had been dead for a month, maggots emerged. But when we cut into the horse's flanks to take tissue samples, the muscle was bright red. I asked a local veterinarian if that was normal. He said it was not, that there should have been decayed tissue.

By April 1992, mutilations were reported in Liberty Mississippi and Leduc, Alberta, Canada. In Liberty, two cows had been found with half their face hide removed and the tongues cut out. Then a three day old calf was found with its head and hind feet missing, all bloodless and trackless. That month in Canada, ranchers Dorthea and Roman Verchomin discovered the first of six mutilated cows found between April 14 and July 16 1992. They are certain predators are not to blame. The first was a 20 year old Holstein milk cow that Mrs Verchomin had raised and kept to provide extra milk during the calving season. She was a quiet docile cow and Mrs Verchomin said she does not understand what could have separated her from the herd. The cow hadn't been dead more than six hours when she was found.

In the left shoulder was a hole like a "bullet hole" that angled down into the chest, similar to the cow in Okemah, Oklahoma. Like the Okemah case, no bullet was recovered and there was NO exit wound. On the cow's throat was a 12 inch vertical cut just beside the jugular vein. There was also a round cut around the rectum, approximately two inches deep into the hide, right through the hair, and the anus and vagina had been cut out. Most notable was the absence of blood in and around the body, wrote MUFON investigator Janice Semenik, working with Gordon Kijek, Director of the Alberta UFO Study Group. Mr and Mrs Verchomin called veterinarian Dr Wayne Sereda and when he opened the cow on site, "the flesh was unusually white", indicating thorough removal of blood. Mrs Verchomin said the vet and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigator, Cst Coloumbe, discussed how "they" could drain so much blood out of the animal. Yet the two investigators maintained that predators were responsible for the kill. That conclusion upset Mrs Verchomin.

"I have never seen cuts like those on that cow. I followed the cuts with my finger. They were harder than the hide and every two inches there was a slight rise like a scalloped edge", she said. "The rest of the cows became very upset when they found her. Their eyes rolled around and they bellowed and stampeded." Mrs Verchomin is convinced after years of farming that no predator could cut a cow that way.

"Coyotes don't even come onto our property" she said, "and they haven't bothered the herd in the past." Speculation about Satanic cult activity raised the possibility that someone arrived quietly, perhaps by canoe from the shore of Saunders Lake which runs alongside the property. Yet there were no clues as to how the blood was drained from the cow without leaving a trace or tracks. Mrs Verchomin remembered that she had let her dogs out the evening before and was woken around 1. 45am by their barking. She realised that she had not shut down the pump house. So she took a flashlight out into the yard. "It was unusually quiet, even for the country", she said. But she saw nothing unusual until the next morning when she found her mutilated milk cow. Then between June 14 and July 16, 1992, Dorthea and Roman Verchomin found five more dead cattle on their Leduc, Alberta, Canada farm. All six of the cows were found lying on their right side. The chronological list is.

- 1) April 14 1992..20 year old Holstein milk cow.
- 2) June 14 1992..250 pound Hereford calf.
- 3) June 21 1992..250 pound Hereford heifer calf.
- 4) June 24 1992..250 pound Hereford heifer calf.
- 5) June 28 1992..800 pound Hereford milk cow.
- 6) July 16 1992..800 pound Hereford milk cow.



Linda Moulton Howe

Mrs Verchomin estimates the June 14 calf was found about two days after death. It was in a twisted position with the right side of the head and chest lying on the ground with the frontlegs straight to the left, while the back half was flat to the ground. with the hind legs spread apart. The left ear and eye were gone. A hole in the left side of the neck angled down into the chest. The tail was removed up to the tail bone. The rectum and vulva were cored out, along with a large, oval shaped piece of hide that extended from the rectum up between the back legs, along the belly to three ribs up onto the chest. All the internal organs had been cleanly removed, and the internal cavity was dry and blackened in colour.

Again, Dr Sereda was called to examine the animal. This time he brought a veterinarian colleague along and stated that because the calf was decomposing he could not make a positive determination of cause of death. An RCMP investigator was also there, but neither photographs nor tissue samples were taken. The June 21st calf was still warm when found dead near its mother's feet. The cow was standing guard over the body a full mile from the rest of the herd. Mrs Verchomin took the carcass to the Provincial Lab veterinarian who said, "there is no such thing as cattle mutilations", and promptly determined that the calf died "due to overwhelming bacterial infection", specifically Clostridium bacteria. There were no excisions.

Three days later on June 24th. "we smelled another dead animal" said Mrs Verchomin, and they discovered another 250 pound calf decaying 60 yards from where yet an even bigger Hereford would be found on June 28th. That 800 pound Hereford milk cow found on the 28th, had an ear and eye missing the tail was removed to the tail bone, the rectum and vagina had been cored out, and the udder had been excised in a perfect round circle only hide deep leaving the membrane tissue covering the

muscles completely untouched. Mrs Verchomin said the pristine nature of the cuts on the perfectly preserved body astonished her. "In fact the animal layed there for a full week, and not even the coyotes touched it, not one bite ! Finally, it decomposed by itself" said Mrs Verchomin. On July 16th, a two year old Hereford milk cow was found with the rectum cored out and one teat cleanly removed from the udder as if "burned off". Part of the tounge and several teeth were gone. On the left side of its neck was a four inch slit, with a one inch wide and two inch deep hole in the middle of it. Tissue samples were taken from the outer region of the rectum and vulva and forwarded to Dr, Altshuler. He found the excision lines to be darkened and "plasticized" under the microscope, the cells revealed exposure to high heat (?)

Mutilation reports are not confined to cattle, they have included most domestic animals, including house cats. Since the 1970's there have been waves of cat mutilations in Canada, California, Texas and again in 1992. From May 15th on, cats were found dead and mutilated in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Typical was the pure-bred Russian blue cat that was put out in the evening and never came back. The back half of the cat was found three blocks from its owners home without a trace of blood. It was the fourth cat found cut in half in a two week period. In the summer of 1991 in Plano Texas, an upper middle class community north of Dallas, the police department had nearly 100 reports of missing domestic cats, along with several mutilated ones. After my book, "An Alien Harvest" was released in June 1989 about animal mutilations, human abductions and Government knowledge, I received a letter from a security guard in Denver Colorado. He described a night in August when he was patrolling the grounds of a large corporation west of the City. From his truck, he could see a large circle of lights in the dark sky. The lights remained stationary over a pasture a few hundred feet from where the guard watched. He never phoned anyone because he was afraid if he uttered the word "UFO" he might lose his job.

But the next morning he felt guilty as he watched a farmer gather up two dead and mutilated cows from the pasture where the lights had hovered overhead. He asked me, "What kind of technology are we talking about ? I never took my eyes off those lights. There was no beam, no sound, nothing. How did they do it ?" If alien life forms have been involved with nearly three decades of worldwide animal mutilations and disappearances, what is it the aliens need ? In 1980, Myra Hansen and her young son saw two white suited beings working on a cow near Cimarron New Mexico. The cow was bellowing in pain, and Myra tried to interfere. The result was that both she and her son were abducted by large brightly lighted disks which took them to an underground facility which she thought was in the Las Cruces region. There Myra saw a humanoid figure floating in a vat of reddish liquid which she perceived to be a treatment or sustenance of some kind for the immersed being. She also thought the liquid was related to blood fluids and tissues removed from animals.

A decade earlier in 1973, Judy Doraty watched a brown and white calf rise in a pale beam of yellow light. Inside a small round white room, she saw tissue excised from the calf's eye, tounge and testicles by 2 small grey-skinned creatures with large eyes. They had four fingers

instead of five, and those long thin fingers tapered to dark nails. Their eyes were not solid black, but were yellow with a black vertical pupil like a cat's or snake's. Judy's daughter Cindy, was also abducted at the same time, and in a 1990 hypnosis session with psychiatric hypno-therapist John Carpenter in Springfield Missouri, also reported seeing a calf rising in a beam of light. Judy had the clear impression that what the alien beings were doing with the calf had to do with survival, theirs, and ours ! In both the Cindy Doraty and Myra Hansen cases, the women were examined by the beings. Eggs were removed in a painful procedure from Myra's ovaries. In some cases, men and women have been shown "baby things" which they are told are hybrids, part human and part something else.

If genetic material is what the alien intelligence wants, why does it need so much over so many years ? And why does it leave animals to be found with strange, bloodless excisions that provoke fear and anger ? To report or obtain further information, please contact; Linda Moulton Howe, P.O. Box 538, Huntingdon Valley, PA, 19006.

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(Editor's Note. Linda will be appearing and giving a lecture on these animal mutilations at the Independant UFO Network's 1993 International UFO Conference at Hallam University, (formally Sheffield Polytechnic) Pond Street, Sheffield, England, on saturday 14th, and sunday 15th August 1993, see details elsewhere in this issue.)

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INTERACTIVE ABDUCTION REPORT BY LORNE GOLDFADER, DIRECTOR OF UFORIC.

During the month of October 1992 as if on command, and for no apparent reason, I sent a package of UFO and abduction material to one of the office clerks in my large workplace. I have never done such a thing in my 17 years in the business. Within a week, the young lady responded by sending down a note that she suspected some kind of abduction activity. Over the course of the following weeks I asked her to keep a journal, observe and report to me all unusual events. The data indicated to me that there was indeed a possibility of alien intervention. I proposed to her that she draw a question mark and the face of an alien on her leg which she did. This conversation and the experiment took place on January the fourth 1993.

On March 11th 1993, she attended a session with our hypnotherapist. Under hypnosis, the young lady confirmed numerous abductions which began at the age of two. Her reactions were extreme fear, anger and crying. The aliens apparently altered the genetics of her fetus while



she was in her mother's womb and told her that they made her to be different from other humans, that she was special and had a purpose which would soon be revealed to her. She was taken to their planet which was "dry and dusty, contained structures, and people with white hair". Before the end of the session, our hypnotherapist asked if there was anything that needed to be uncovered at this time. Her immediate response was, "January The Fourth". Within five hours of my conversation with the abductee, and while she was in bed with her husband, the aliens arrived. They put the husband in a deeper sleep so that he was unaware of the presence of the visitors. She was "broken into little pieces, disintegrated, and transported to a room". There were several "greys" who took off her clothes and examined her body to make sure she was not sick.

They found the "question", (the mark she made on her leg, Ed). and brought the main individual who always appears in charge, who asked her, what the question was for. She was frightened to death and could not respond. He commented that the eyes on the alien face were not correct. The purpose of the question was not concerning the drawing, but why they were coming and what they were doing, so they incorrectly guessed at the purpose or meaning of the question mark. As if in defence at her lack of control, she blurted out, "...Lorne (my name)...do you guys know him, Lorne do they know him?" The hypnotherapist asked during the session, "do they"? The response was in a totally calm, fearless change of voice...."ohhhhh, yes they know who he is..(pause)...sometimes they want Lorne to be quiet, but he's not.."

I was amazed that the abductee had enough presence of mind and conscious control to ask this question. On the night of the hypnosis session, it appears as if the abductee's brother and close friends were visited in their sleep. This is a very active "ongoing case", in which it appears as if the aliens are reacting to Investigative intervention!

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Some things strange in the Muchalls air

(Editor's note. Readers may be aware through reading ENIGMAS, of the UFO sightings made by Tom Allen up at Muchalls near Aberdeen, (see Feb-March 1992 issue of ENIGMAS), SPI appointed BUFORA'S Scottish R.I.C. Fergus Storrier to investigate these claims, here is Fergus's report).

Muchalls is a small village situated on the North-East coast of Scotland and roughly about ten miles south of Aberdeen. Mainly a farming area and home to many of the Aberdeen commuters, lies a mystery that occurred some twenty years ago.

In the late 1960's and early 1970's, Muchalls and its surrounding villages would have been able to view a number of new and wonderful lights in the sky which burrowed a frenzied flightpath from Dyce Airport on the outskirts of Aberdeen to the North Sea. It was the start of the oil boom in Aberdeen, and oilworkers would be rushed back and forth in the helicopters to fill the new oilrigs offshore. So what of Tom Allen? I was first introduced to Tom, by none other than Malcolm Robinson who wished me to take Tom's case on and prepare a report on the conclusions drawn up from exactly what Tom had seen. Tom Allen is a senior lecturer and professional engineer, and from my experience, a man who firmly believes in what he has seen.

Tom's first sightings, occurred on the night of 13th December 1971 when he had been walking back to his house located some three quarters of a mile away from Muchalls village. Tom was thirteen years of age at the time and, at the time, it was dark. Tom's attention was initially drawn to a pulsating red light located to his right. Tom dismissed the light as a helicopter, and walked on only to see further red lights on his left and to his front, at a point near to his house.

Tom also had the uneasy feeling that the light on his right was moving as he moved. As he got to the top of his road, and only a short distance from his house, Tom saw the light on his right swoop down to ground level from above Burn of Pheppie Farm. At this point Tom decided enough was enough, and turned to walk towards his home when he got the "fright of my life". Standing in front of Tom was a tall figure with a large head and body, and wearing what looked like a gown. The figure also appeared to "glow" in the dark.

As Tom plucked up enough courage, he took one step forward and the figure melted away and disappeared. Tom by now nearing collapse, ran to his house and told his mother what he had seen. His mother brushed the story off but his sister persuaded Tom

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to go out to see the lights. Both Tom and his sister saw the red light appear above Burn of Pheppie Farm and ran across to the light to be met halfway by the same light which had travelled to meet them. Tom could now see the light was some form of craft the size of a small car, with smaller red lights and no sound. The object stayed for a minute before moving off in the direction of a nearby hill, before disappearing out of sight. From that night on, Tom claims that the lights would appear nightly, and were seen by both him and his sister. He also claims the lights would hide themselves when normal air traffic appeared, then reappear once the air traffic had passed.

In 1975 Tom had gone to college but would return on holiday periods to see the lights. Tom appears to have lost interest in the lights in the 1980's, and also moved away from the area when he married. Tom did return in 1991, armed with a video camera, and took footage of lights which he admits does not appear to match the red lights he used to see.

Miss Helen

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Recently, Tom again sent me a new video tape of more footage shot in the area, but I'm afraid to say, as yet neither the first or second video, shows anything strange, although I will send the tapes to BUFORA to enhance the objects shot.

CONCLUSIONS.

As far as the witness and that of his sister, I would say neither is lying, and both appear very sane and sensible people. As far as what he has seen, will I suppose remain a mystery. Dyce Airport is some 15 miles away, and the area is subject to air traffic of quite a large proportion. I myself spent one cold night in the area, and could see a number of planes and occasional helicopters pass overhead. Also, having worked the area as a policeman, I know the northern lights can cause tricks in the skyline at night. So what of Tom? Well if he is to be believed, and I for one have no reason to doubt him, then only one conclusion can be drawn. None of the above!

What Tom has seen, "appears" to represent a good case for some form of craft, whether terrestrial, or whatever, which for some reason had an interest in the Muchalls area. The phenomenon itself appears to have gone, although I did receive a couple of anonymous reports of strange lights in the area which occurred last year. Tom only claims to have had two "close encounters", the one with the tall figure, and a second in bed at his home, when a red light was projected against his forehead from a source outside his window. Again however, as Tom always seemed to do, he tried for the natural explanation, that the second encounter was a dream.

To come to a more conclusive finish about Tom, I would wish to do two further things. (1) To go to Muchalls with Tom to see what "he sees" although the original phenomenon appear to have gone. (2) To carry out a form of hypnotic regression, to see if Tom has seen more than he thinks, although he never spoke of any missing time. To help Tom's case, I also placed an article in the local press and journal, to appeal

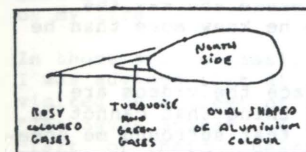
for any witnesses to any phenomena in the 1970s. Although the response was, to say the least, disappointing, I did receive the following four cases which had an interesting connection. Unfortunately, due to BUFORA regulation, and also through the witnesses wishes, I cannot divulge names.

CASE 1.

Early one morning in 1968, an Aberdeen couple who were parked in their car outside Stonehaven near to Muchalls, observed a "glowing figure" floating 3ft off the ground. The figure disappeared in front of their eyes, and amazingly matched the glowing figure seen by Tom. The most interesting point was that no mention was made of Tom's figure in the newspaper article.

CASE 2.

On the 22nd of May 1969, a craft the size of a house and sketched here, flew in from the sea and over the railway viaduct between Lammachmore and Newtonhill, near to Muchalls. It was witnessed by a school teacher and her parents driving on the road, and occurred about 8.30pm. The object gave off a high pitched "humming noise", and travelled about 25--30, MPH. The sighting lasted for around 3 to 4 minutes.

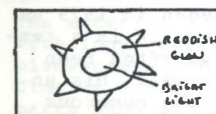


CASE 3.

A woman staying at Muchalls was looking southwards out to sea, when she saw an elliptical silvery glowing object pass in front of her. She observed that the object had no windows, wings, etc, and it was silvery glowing of matt appearance. The object moved very slowly and appeared to change direction at one point. The object eventually glided out of view. This sighting occurred at midday in June 1968, and the witness related the strange sensation of being unable to move, and also that all the birds in the area appeared to fall silent. Possibly a weather balloon, but appeared a very large object.

CASE 4.

Occurred about 1970, but very sketchy due to the witness wishing to remain anonymous. Corroboration appears from a newspaper article at the time. Witness saw object as sketched below.



Was Muchalls a "window" in the 1960/1970s? Perhaps we'll never know.

Report by, Fergus M. Storrier, Scottish Co-ordinator for BUFORA.

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(Editor's note on re Fergus Storrier article. I passed on Fergus's report to witness Tom Allen in which very slight amendments were made. (I) It did not disappear for some time, (about an hour or more) and this was typical of the phenomenon. It would hover above the hill for sometimes several hours. My sister used to watch them but I never had the patience. They just hovered until they seemed to lose energy, the flash rate reduced, "very strange". They also hovered over Burn Of Pheppie Farm, and Greenheads Farm mostly, and then over the hill. Usually there were more than one, and they flew very low, (at tree level or maybe two to three times as high).

When I was about ten years old, the minister next door to us, (we lived next door to a church), presented my father with a strange looking bolt (my father is a motor mechanic and the minister thought he might know what it was !). It was perfectly innocent looking, but the minister, actually he was a Cannon, proclaimed, "maybe its off one of those space-ship things" ? or words to that effect. We all laughed at this supposed joke. However, several years later I was out watching one of the red lights move about the sky. I looked back at the manse and saw the Cannon also looking at it from his window ! Maybe he knew more than he made out ! He was a very wise old man indeed.

Whilst I might agree with Fergus that on the surface the videos are nothing remarkable, I wouldn't be too sure ! The thing that cannot be shown on video, is the sheer number of "aircraft" that surround me sometimes when I am there. From all points of the compass they appear, as if I have triggered something off. They do a "fly by" and "circle round me". If that is aircraft, so be it, but it must be military. The videos also show lights moving over one another at short distances apart, would this be allowed ?.....Added notes by Tom Allen. Tom Allen incidentally, is a pseudonym.)

GENESIS SEVEN

LEN FARRA

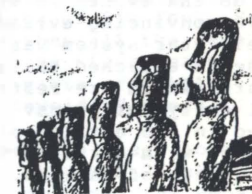
Clairvoyance and channelled messages were once regarded with scepticism in scientific research, but in the present days more enlightened climate they are becoming acceptable in areas such as UFO and corn circle studies. My involvement with this unusual line of investigation began in 1979 as a result of my close connection with Gerry Sherrick. Sherrick is a respected medium and psychic researcher, whose assistance has often been sought in dealing with problems with the so called paranormal. His unpaid work as a medium has been praised over the years by the numerous people to whom he has given help, comfort, and proof of survival. He is forthright, always speaks his mind, and is critical of some of today's lower standards of mediumship.

I am a professional person and consider myself to be level headed. Like Gerry Sherrick, I am in my mid 50's, I am not one to accept anything at face value, and even as a young child found it difficult to believe in a religious interpretation of the early history of the world which did not take into account the pre-historic animals. Both Sherrick and I have long shared an interest in UFOs and in the ancient astronaut theory which we often discussed. We both accepted the possibility of there being life elsewhere in the universe, and of this planet having been visited by extraterrestrials in the distant past. We also believed that the spirit survives the death of the body, and that communication is possible between the physical and the spiritual worlds.

Gerry used to hold regular meetings of his "circle" at his home in East London where we would often assist people with spiritual problems. Visits also used to be made to the homes of people suffering from poltergeist activity. Gerry Sherrick is a trance medium, and through him we received channelled information on a variety of interesting topics. One evening in the summer of 1979, he was instrumental in producing the first of a series of channelled messages which were to completely change the course of my life.

In those trance sessions, which lasted over a period of several months, I was advised that at some unspecified time in the distant past, Earth was visited by a fleet of seven circular space craft which were referred to as "The Seven Stars". I was given details of the number of the crew in each craft, of their appearance and clothing, and even the names of some of their leaders. I was told that they had visited many tribes, and had taught them many things. I was also given to understand that colossal earth upheavals had occurred during their stay. This story was certainly fascinating, but who, I thought, would believe it without convincing supporting evidence ?

I was fortunate to be able to begin my research with several important clues. Using these as a guide, I commenced an in-depth study of the cultures of the Ancient Middle East. Having found an abundance of significant evidence there, I moved on to parts where I achieved the same results. Over the past twelve years I have studied every important ancient civilization and numerous primitive societies. As a result of my efforts, I have been able to put together, many of the pieces of an often confusing jigsaw puzzle which presents a completely new picture of much of Earth's so called Pre-historic era, and shows how events that occurred several thousand years ago have affected mankind ever since.



The material I have used in my research comes from customs, archaeology, mythology, early ritual and beliefs, traditions, star-lore, and even place-names. During the course of my study I have spent considerable time in libraries and museums. I have also travelled to many foreign parts such as Egypt, Mexico, the Far East, North America, and many of the islands of the South Seas. Wherever I have been, I have researched early local traditions and visited pyramids and temples. In Genesis Seven, the book I wrote on the subject, I throw new light on the pyramids, and explain links between those of the old and new worlds. My research suggests that

there was one particular white people who were closely involved in these early events. I have now been able to trace their descendants in many parts of the present day world. Their presence in one particularly important place in the Americas is usually glossed over since scholars find them an embarrassment to their theory that the native American are all of asiatic origin, and that their ancestors crossed over the Bering Straits thousands of years ago. The story of this visit was well known to initiates, high priests etc throughout the early world. Since however the general population would never have been able to accept it, it was explained in simplified form, often with the use of symbolic patterns and animal symbols. In some instances, the same animals were used for the same purpose throughout the world. Some of these designs are still in use in present times.

Genesis Seven gives an account of the trance material and details the supporting evidence. The reason why "seven" appera in the title, is because it is the key to the story. Seven has universally been used as a mystic number for thousands of years. Several books have been written about it, but none of the authors I feel, have previously discovered the original reason for its use. Neither have they explained why groups of seven stars were significant in so many early religions. Without great difficulty, I have been able to date the visit and show that it was reflected in the calendars of various early advanced civilizations. It was remembered in ceremonies which took place at the same time throughout the globe. It was alluded to in many aspects of life from art to dance. Even it today's world, important unsuspected reminders of these extraterrestrials are to be found in the titles of numerous books, the names of films, and commercial products from perfume to areplanes.

The main "Gods" in all early religions, both in the Old and New worlds, were based on these visitors. The description given of these deities tallies precisely with the information related at the trance sittings and so do the events in which they are claimed to have been involved. I now have convincing evidence to show where these "Star-Gods" originated. Their star system was the most written about one in the early world, and legends attached to it all agree with the channelled material. These stars, which are referred to in Genesis Seven, feature significantly in all early religions. Temples were aligned to them and festivals, mentioned in the earlier paragraph, took place when they appeared. They are linked with certain "Gods" who once came down to Earth and helped civilize the races of mankind.

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DEAR EDITOR.

I must admit that I did not pay attention to the transcript of the "SIGHTINGS" video, thus I was shocked to read in the Feb/March issue of ENIGMAS that I am supposed to be "World Renowned" and travel the world displaying my psychic talents. I am sorry that this has occurred since I personally have never declared nor intimated as such. Credibility is an important factor when it comes to psychic research, and I myself have no need for dishonesty as it does not enhance my capabilities. I must admit I enjoyed the programme, but it is a pity that our American friends went slightly OTT.

MAIRI TOGNIN, GLASGOW.

DEAR EDITOR.

Three years ago I had to have my dog put to sleep as she was suffering from distemper. That night I woke up and went into the bathroom, as I went back to bed, she was sitting at my bedroom door. She wagged her tail when I spoke to her, something which she had been unable to do for weeks. (Distemper affects the central nervous system and the first reflex a dog losses is the ability to wag its tail.

She looked radiant and so natural that I walked past her without realising what I was seeing. It was only when I sat at the bed that it

dawned on me that she couldn't be there. I went straight to the door but she had gone. I was fully awake I had "not" been drinking, and I did see her !

VERONICA JOHNSTONE, TYNE & WEAR.

DEAR EDITOR.

I am now nearing 50 abduction cases but that is nothing. I hear of 100 in Michigan, 400 from the Texas Arkansas region. Between them, Hopkins and Jacobs have many hundreds, but why doesn't Britain have more ? And instead be infested with the Crop Circle disease ? Over here we have, relatively speaking, also been infested with ape-like entities (An alien version of Big Foot, Sasquatch, or are they all the same?) We also have Mutes, (surgically removed specific parts of cattle). Britain seems devoid of these. !

Some of my abduction cases bother and even shock me after 27 years in this. In the Rome case, the embattled farmers on the house roof, poured hot lead at the giant ape like entities moving in the beam of the UFO, but, except for screams, it had no effect. In the Turi and Thompson cases, the abductee got abducted again right after contact with me. Worse happened in the Varner case, when the MIB, (should be called "Specters In Black") showed up again after 17 years and threatened the abductee again. In the Johnson and Fromdorf cases, they

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both got back out of mental hospitals. Back in 1970, I wondered why a UFO would hover over our area hospital for the insane, now I think I know, back to get one or two of their chosen ones. God only knows how many poor abductees languish in such places. In the Ingram and Wingate cases, we had extensive prolonged intrusion by the MIB and their black limos in a mist. The MIB in Eastern Kentucky were white faced and slim. Those in middle Tennessee were tan oriental faced, and of stocky build.

In a stunning case just 20 miles south of me, grotesque beings looked plastic faced and wore not black clothing, but tanned ! Their dark windowed car didn't have any steering wheel or seats, and, believe it or not, they and their auto vanished instantly.

Probably my most disturbed case was the Fox case. This Illinois farmer had been abducted as a youth, and when the tiny disk shaped implant came out after 15 years from its position at the back underside of his penis, the aliens returned and he got recall back and learned what they had done to him. He met them with gunfire, and, one night jumped out of his car and shaking his fist at the UFO screamed in hate, "you extraterrestrial bastards" ! (How humanely pleasant, Editor !) Well as you might suspect, a lot is going on over here, but denial conditions exist just as they do in Britain. (I wonder why, Ed !)

DON WORLEY, MUFON, CONNERSVILLE, USA.

DEAR EDITOR.

Brief update of recent Pacific Canadian Interior sightings 1993.

One of the largest UFO waves in recent memory, began in the small village of Hefley Creek British Columbia near the small city of

Kamloops 425 klms N.E. of Vancouver when on January 14th 1993, a young teenage girl saw an object near her home. She flashed her flashlight 3 times, and the object clearly responded by flashing back to her in the same sequence. On January 20th, a large fireball with a "burning tail" resembling a meteorite, was seen and reported by hundreds of people to the local weather office, radio and newspapers.

John Webster, one of our Investigators in the interior, and myself, through long distance calls to many of the witnesses, determined that the object was seen all the way from Kamloops to Williams Lake along highway 97. On average, the sighting lasted 1-2 minutes, too long for a meteorite, and was seen by several independent witnesses to have a bluish green aura. Within this aura and slightly behind it, were two smaller balls of light. A piece of the main object broke off and fell near a set of hills near Kamloops. Similar objects were reported in the state of Georgia in the USA and in Russia within a two week period.

On the following 8-10 days, other unidentified anomalous aerial phenomena were reported both in the morning at sunrise and in the evening. Two ground level near landings were reported, one near Williams lake, and the other near Kamloops. The lady at Williams Lake witnessed a "glowing ball of fire" sitting behind the trees for half an hour. An interview was done on audio tape. As of February 16th 1993, close sightings are still being reported but greatly reduced in number. We are monitoring the situation, and are sending a team to these areas to attempt to capture the phenomena on video. The attempts, dates, and locations, will be confidential until we have achieved credible evidence. The longitude is close to Stonehenge in England.

LORNE GOLDFADER, VANCOUVER, CANADA.

DEAR EDITOR.

A strange thing happened to me one night last month (February 93). As I was sitting at the kitchen table, the strangest feeling came over me, it was like I was back in the late 1800's. I felt as though I was riding on a horse and had been gun shot in one of my legs, and a man friend of mine, a man called William Quantrill was riding along on another horse accompanying me. I recalled that shortly before that time a gang of men had been chasing me and Bill and shooting guns at us, and we returned shooting from our own guns but I had been wounded in one of my legs, I told Bill, "we gave em some of their own medicine didn't we" ?

We were close to a City or town called Lexington, (I'm not sure if it was Lexington Missouri, or if it was Lexington Kentucky, but I know I was wanting so badly to ride into Lexington for some reason, but I told Quantrill that we had better ride around Lexington, cause we might run into trouble there.

Anyhow, I had the feeling that I was Frank James, (actually his name was Alexander Franklin James). This feeling I had was just like I was recalling a past life, that I had lived as a man called Frank James, this was real strange.

I started reading a life story of Jesse and Frank James by author Frank Triplet a few days later. And from that I was surprised to learn that Frank James had been gun shot in one of his legs and he had separated from Jesse, and rode to Kentucky with his old leader William Quantrill. Quantrill died in a Military hospital in Louisville Kentucky and Frank James came back to Missouri.

HAROLD. E. SMITH, CALIFORNIA, USA.

DEAR EDITOR.

I am interested on Big-Cats on the loose in Britain and abroad, and I am particularly fascinated by Cryptozology, the scientific study of unknown species of animals. I have written a book called "Big Cats Loose In Britain" which I am trying to publish. Could I appeal to you and your readers to please send any relevant information that you may possess on this subject to the address below. All information will be treated in strictest confidence, and will only be published with permission in my book. I shall refund all postage and photo-copying costs, within reason !

These cats are shy, elusive and nocturnal and they do exist. I am talking about such creatures as the "Exmoor Beasts" and the "Surrey Pumas", Black Panthers, (Melanistic Leopards), Lynxes, and Jungle Cats. I have seen a Puma on Exmoor and a Bob Cat (Lynx) on the Mendip hills of Somerset and Avon. I believe there are connections between historic Black Dog-Ghost Hound accounts and sightings long ago of large black panther type cats, so I am interested in any local Black Dog or Black Big Cat stories from the past that you can tell me about.

Since August 1986, I have been researching, Investigating and collecting as much evidence as possible on these Cats. I have thus amassed about 1,000 letters in 25 files describing hundreds of sightings by people who are familiar with native wildlife, and/or who are skilled at making observations such as farmers game-keepers and foresters. I have no doubts that the Cats have been living in the fields and moorlands of Britain for centuries.

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UFO: THE STUDY GOES ON.

AN UPDATE ON THE BONNYBRIDGE UFO REPORTS.

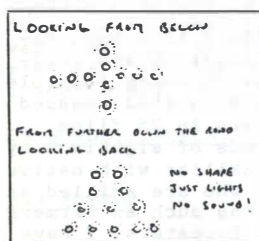
We learned in our last issue on the high wave of UFO sightings over Bonnybridge in Stirlingshire in Central Scotland, and the subsequent public lecture that transpired in which the facts were given to the public. As I write, in April 93, councillor Billy Buchanan informs me that UFO reports are still occurring in the Bonnybridge region, but nowhere as near as the high content of sightings which were reported from November to January. I'll continue by giving a few more interesting UFO reports from the region.

OVAL SHAPED OBJECT ?

On the 15th of November 1992 at 6pm, a father and daughter observed from their home in Standburn near Falkirk, an oval shaped object in the sky which had three red lights at the front forming a triangle, and white lights at the back, two of which were flashing. The witnesses were outside their home, and after a period of ten minutes, the object took off pretty fast heading across a field on the opposite side of the road. Both witnesses heard a distinct "humming sound". According to Mr Napier's report form, the object was initially high in the sky, and then moved down towards the ground.

STRANGE ARRAY OF LIGHTS ?

Witness Jim Walker, was driving in his car from Dennyloanhead to Denny during the month of January 1992 the time was 9pm. About halfway into his journey he approached a junction called "Droves Loan" of which he observed a "bright cluster of lights" hovering above the road of which he initially thought was a helicopter. The witness drove directly underneath it, and states that he was impressed by the array of lights.



The witness at this point desired to stop, but was unable to do so owing to the build up of cars behind him. He did however have this opportunity to stop further down the road and alighted from his car and observed a triangular display of lights hovering low above the road. They were, in his estimate, approximately the width of the road with pavements combined. This display of lights were quite spectacular, and he couldn't understand why anyone was not also stopping their cars for a better look, for surely they too must have seen this.

The witness did however notice, that passing motorists although not stopping, were twisting their necks up and looking through their car windows at this thing. One motorist going in the opposite direction did indeed stop, but he did not get out of his car, he only gazed through his windscreen. Our witness in this incident, quickly jumped back into his car

and drove to a friends house, which, incidentally, was councillor Billy Buchanan's. It was this actual incident which sparked off Billy's involvement into pursuing any further such cases, of which as we know, there were many. The witness to this incident, is absolutely certain that what he saw that night was not a helicopter or aircraft of any description. The witness is a high standing member of the community.

UFO MYSTERY FOR BANNOCKBURN FAMILY.

Still in Stirlingshire, a Bannockburn family watched in awe on January the 17th 1993, as a UFO hovered above their home. The following is how the Stirling Observer Newspaper reported their sighting. (Mary Young 34 was watching her nine year old son David playing in the snow on January 17th at about 9.15pm, she went outside to call him in. Mary added, "I shouted to David and he turned to me and said, "mum look at that car in the sky", I looked up and saw bright lights, just like car lights about 40 feet above the houses". Mary called her boyfriend Kevin out to the back door and her daughter Jacqueline joined the family. She added, "Kevin said it was a plane, but I told him to keep looking, and then he said, "There's no way that's a plane".

The family ran upstairs to find a telescope young David had been given for Christmas "by the time we found the telescope it was moving so fast we couldn't get the telescope onto it". After watching the UFO for about five minutes, the stunned family lost sight of it. Mary added, "it was oval shaped and about 40 to 60 feet long. It had a lot of red lights underneath it. There was a square shape of red lights and inside that there was a square shape of white lights. There were two white lights at the front, and two white lights at the back. "That was definitely no aeroplane", Mary said, "it wasn't a weather balloon, and it wasn't our imagination. There was something there, I think it was a UFO. It was flying too low to have been a plane, and was making a low humming sound. A plane would have been much louder. It was like nothing I have ever seen before".)

I talked with Mary on the phone prior to this story making the papers in which she related these details in an expressful and sincere manner. This familys sighting is still unexplained.

JAPANESE TO VISIT BONNYBRIDGE.

I was informed by councillor Buchanan recently, that a Japanese T.V. crew will shortly be in the Bonnybridge area to film a report on these puzzling UFOs, a report of which will appear in our next issue.

IS THE MILITARY BEHIND THESE UFO SIGHTINGS ?

But could these UFO reports have anything to do with the military ? Well I speculated that this was a possibility, as some witnesses did state that they had observed several military aircraft in the skys above Bonny-Bridge in December. Perhaps even flights of Remotely Piloted Vehicles, (RPVs) by military personel could be the answer as some of these weird aircraft, have, in the past, been misconstrued as fanciful flying saucers. But was it the case here ? Well I wrote to the Ministry Of Defence in London in hopes of an answer to the military question, which, let's be

honest would they really own up anyway !! But it had to be tried, and the following is extracts from a letter which I received from Nicholas Pope, Secretariat, (Air Staff) 2a Room 8245, Ministry Of Defence. It reads as follows.

"I am aware from other UFO researchers that there has been a wave of UFO sightings centered on the town of Bonnybridge but the Ministry Of Defence has received no reports from this area. While I am aware of media speculation about Aurora, as you know, the position of the US authorities is that no such aircraft exists. With regard to military activity that might explain sightings, I am unable to suggest anything other than the fact that Bonnybridge is in an area which does see some military jet activity from time to time. RPVs would certainly not be operated anywhere near Bonnybridge, and would be flown only in ranges. I hope this is helpful, and I wish you luck with your own research".

Nicholas Pope.

So dear readers, no explanation as yet. Some UFO reports may well have been misidentification of aircraft viewed at unusual angles, but in the main, the reports of objects slowly crossing the sky, (particularly at night), the Patrick Forsyth case in particular, (see last issue), and the testimonys of other witnesses all on file, do still suggest, that after we have ruled out probable misidentifications, there is STILL a residue of unexplainable UFO reports. I have to admit that I have no idea as to why Bonnybridge and surrounding districts should play host to these strange aeroforms. All we can do is to keep on with our UFO research at this location. People always want quick answers, but as we researchers know only too well, this is not always so easy in complying with. Patience is the key, but research will go on.

I receive quite a lot of overseas UFO publications, and I'll tell you this, UFO sightings appear to be on the increase on a world-wide basis, for each journal carries reports relating to their own countries UFO sightings. Indeed, I believe that Devon and Cornwall in England have been host to lots of UFO sightings of late ! What the bloody hell is going on ? Well I'm sure that there is more to come about these incidents so keep it here with ENIGMAS.

(Report by Malcolm Robinson).

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UFO TALKS LEAD TO 'INVASION'

HUNDREDS of people swarmed into Bonnybridge's Norwood Hotel to hear more about Unidentified Flying Objects... and dozens more were locked out.

The meeting had been arranged by Councillor Billy Buchanan following sightings of a U.F.O. over the town several weeks ago. Malcolm Robinson of the Strange Phenomena Group was the main speaker. He showed a video and gave a commentary to the packed audience. Councillor Buchanan said: "The turnout was quite phenomenal. Hundreds of people turned up, and about another hundred had to be turned away. There were even people from England there. "The video and slide show had the audience spellbound. It was great. I would like to thank everyone who helped set up the meeting," he told the Advertiser.

Bob's Trousers In Museum.

Well I'm quite sure that UFO witness Robert Taylor could never in his wildest imaginations have envisaged that the trousers he wore on that eventful morning of November 9th 1979, in which he encountered a landed UFO in woods near Livingston Central Scotland, would end up in a glass showcase in a museum in London ! Yes folks, that's what's shortly going to happen. As SPI now own these trousers, I was contacted by John Lundberg who informed me all about the upcoming UFO museum situated in London. John was quite keen to obtain permission from SPI to show these remarkable trousers, remarkable in the sense that they contain rips on each side below pocket level, made by two small spherical objects, (similar to second world war sea mines).

These objects rushed out from beneath this large UFO and "grabbed" Bob, pulling him towards the UFO. (Bob subsequently fainted at this point, and upon regaining consciousness, noticed that the two small objects and large UFO were gone leaving depressions in the grass).

Anyway, it seems to be the flavour at the moment in that UFO museums are springing up left right and centre, particularly in America (where else !) one of which is close to Roswell, scene of the 1947 UFO ? crash. As the public should be continually made more aware of the UFO enigma, I decided to send John these "famous trousers". The following is a letter I received from John which details his UFO museum.



BOB TAYLOR
"Round objects."

"The trousers will undoubtedly be the star exhibit in the exhibition and your generosity and trust are much appreciated. The idea behind the project is to mount the first of what will hopefully be a long term series of exhibitions addressing the many areas of UFOlogy. The first exhibition "UFOs And How To See Them" is based on a recent book by Jenny Randles. I will be using some of the information contained in Jenny's book, and adding to this other relevant documentation and artifacts to create an exhibition along the same lines. Jenny is assisting me with the project.

The exhibition will be mounted at "Bipasha Ghosh" a private gallery, project space located on the Thames in Rotherhithe. This relatively young gallery is dedicated to giving young contemporary artists a forum for their work, and as such specialises in one person shows. I myself am an artist working in a conceptual art tradition. This means my art practise comprises of "ideas" and the realisation of these ideas via administration and organisation in the form of exhibitions. The exhibition is being funded entirely by myself, the exhibition is to be viewed strictly by appointment and entry is free.

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The timing of the exhibition could not be better as it will coincide with the British release of the new movie "Fire In The Sky" based on the Travis Walton UFO abduction. This will surely raise the medias interest in the subject of UFOlogy. Several television programmes tackling the subject of UFOs are also scheduled to be broadcast in the next couple of months, including a documentary made for London Weekend Television which Jenny has participated in, a new series for Carlton Television called "Fantastic Facts" hosted by Jonathon Ross, (or should that be Woss, Editor !) which will contain an item devoted to UFO abductions and a documentary for Channel Four looking at the role of UFOs in movies. Jenny's book will also be re-issued with a new cover in June.

I think it would be fair to assume that due to this climate of interest, the exhibition will have a good chance of coverage in the main stream media. One of the sections in the exhibition will contain information on British UFO groups, and I will include information about SPI in this section.

Well we at SPI wish John all the best with his UFO museum.
EXHIBITION INFORMATION. TITLE. UFOs And How To See Them. DATES. 7th June to 4th July 1993. LOCATION. Bipasha Ghosh Gallery, Rotherhithe, London, England. ADMISSION. Free. APPOINTMENTS. Viewing is strictly by appointment only. Ring the gallery between the 7th of June - 4th July to arrange an appointment to view the exhibition. GALLERY TELEPHONE NUMBER. 071 231 6598. ORGANISED BY. John Lunberg.

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The Susan Blackmore Interview.

(Editor's Note. The following is an interview that I conducted with sceptical researcher Susan Blackmore at the Scottish Television Studios in Edinburgh in April).

ABRIEVIATIONS : (MR) Malcolm Robinson. (SB) Susan Blackmore.

(MR) Susan, what started your interest in the paranormal ? (SB) Im not sure, like many people I read the odd book, but what increased it enormously was when I was a student at Oxford about 20 years ago, and completely out of the blue I had a long out of the body experience, and I didn't understand what was going on, and I "wanted" to understand it, and I suppose more than anything, that was what influenced me. (MR) So it was basically this out of body experience which brought you forward

into researching the paranormal ? (SB) Yeah, I just wanted to understand it, did that mean I had a spirit or soul that went out of my body ? and if so, what was it ? (MR) At one point you were a firm believer in the paranormal, what happened to change this view ? (SB) Well that was then, because my natural reaction to that experience was to say "wow", there's a psychic world out there, and I've just been in it. Then I decided that I must, whatever else I wanted to do with my life, I wanted to be a researcher on the paranormal, and so eventually after some years, I managed to get myself into a position of doing research for a Phd in parapsychology at Surrey University, and I began to do experiments on telepathy, clairvoyance and so on, and none of them worked ! I began to become a little more questioning, and a little more sceptical, and then I thought, well, if it doesn't work in a lab, then I'd better go out and look in the real world at poltergeists and whatever. And I did that, and the cases I investigated turned out to have "other explanations" which made me even more sceptical.

(MR) So for how long have you been studying these phenomena ? (SB) Well I've been studying it now for more than 20 years, my attitude is different now to what it was then, but I certainly haven't stopped doing it. (MR) Now you have strong views on the Near Death Experience, exactly what do you feel is the cause of a Near Death Experience ? (SB) There are lots of different causes, and you don't have to be near death to have it. I think you have to explain the different parts of it seperately. So for example the tunnel, I think will occur whenever you've got the visual part of the brain, the visual cortex, going into some sort of random firing when its not working properly.



SUSAN BLACKMORE.

The inhibitory cells which normally damp down the brain activity, arn't working anymore, and you get massive random activity which produces a bright light in the middle, fading out towards dark at the edges, just because of the way the cells are organised in the brain. Now you can get that through taking L.S.D. or even canabis, but more often the hallucinogenic drug will produce that, because that's the effect they have on the brain, they knock out the inhibitions, you can also get it through lack of oxygen when you come close to death, and I think that is why it forms part of the Near Death Experience. But other parts of the (NDE), like the life review, the feelings of peace and joy and so on, are because of the endorphins, the morphine like chemicals that the brain produces itself, so different parts of it have different explanations.

(MR) So how do you explain those cases in which there is "no" evidence of oxygen starvation to the brain, or indeed any such drugs that have been administered, yet we still have these cases of Near Death Experiences ? (SB) Well that's what I was trying to explain if you remember what I said at the very begining of my last answer. That there are many things that can set off this experience, and you don't have to be near death to have it. Let me repeat it again to make it clear. To get

the tunnel you need to have this random firing in the visual cortex, but lack of oxygen is only one way to get that, another way is by taking those drugs, another way is by shock and stress of various kinds, there is a lot of different routes to the same thing, so lack of oxygen can be one route, but its only one of many. (MR) I'm sure that you are aware of the vast literature on the Near Death Experience, there have been so many books written about it, (SB) And mine is just about to come out, and its going to be better than any of the other ones ! (MR) Can you tell us about your book ? (SB) My book's called "Dying To Live" Science And The Near Death Experience, and its coming out at the end of June. What I've tried to do in that book is two things, two things which haven't really been done in this way before. One is to explain why all those phenomena can be explained in terms of effects in the dying brain, and secondly to say why are people "transformed". Why are these the most important experiences to have ever have happened to these people spiritually in terms of transformation !

(MR) Now we've got many many cases of which this spiritual body departs the physical material body, then rises above the bed and moves through walls and doors, and can hear conversations, and can see what exactly is taking place in rooms many yards away from their actual physical body. How could drugs or oxygen starvation to the brain explain that ? and also the travelling aspect during this spiritual experience !

(SB) IT CAN'T, IT CAN'T, and that's the end of it. If people really do accurately see things in the next room which they couldn't have possibly have known about normally, then I'm off, and wrong. (MR) But this is well documented. (SB) "It is not well documented", it is extremely poorly documented. In my book I take some of the most famous cases and have a look at them. The documentation is very poor indeed. I'm not saying that it couldn't be so, or that I don't respect other people that come to a different conclusion. But my conclusion on reading it and trying to follow up these cases, is that the evidence is not compelling at all.

(MR) There are as I've said, many books on the Near Death Experience, and one of which I have before me at the moment by Dr Melvin Morse entitled "Closer To The Light", is one of these, are you aware of this book ? (SB) Sure, I've read it several times. (MR) It deals specifically with childrens (NDEs). Are there any differences in regards to a child's (NDE) as compared to that of an adults ? (SB) Yes there are. The childrens experiences, although they have some of the same components, and you can see the same general idea through them, they tend to be simpler than the adult ones, less complicated, less features. Also, they very rarely see dead people, and they do sometimes see living people. For example, coming down the tunnel, it might be someone dead, or a dead pet, but it can also be their living friends in the tunnel, which I think is quite interesting, but they tend to be simpler experiences, but the same kind of pattern as the adult ones.

(MR) If you had strong evidence to suggest that a person who was out of the body, did indeed hear conversations, say for instance, 50 or 60 yards away from that room, and saw what people were wearing, and confirmed that when they were back in their body, would these cases change

your view ? (SB) Yes they would, but the existing cases that we have at the moment on that, are for example, many in which they reported and seen on what people were wearing, then the people have turned up, but we have no independent corroboration from the people that they were wearing that ! We have no photographs to show that they were wearing it, all we have usually, is the recollection of one person. Raymond Moody who is probably the most famous researcher makes this point himself, that his cases are purely anecdotal, he hasn't really got any good cases where he's got corroboration from the other people involved. He's usually only got the story from one person, and that makes sense, because when people are dying, the most important thing is not corroborating the green dress, the most important thing is their comfort, and whether they are going to pull through, but we don't have that kind of corroboration !

(MR) How about the cases in which the person has been through a (NDE) and I refer again to the childrens experiences, and they state that they see people who were on the "other side" who they didn't know to be dead but learned this upon returning to their physical body ? (SB) Yes such cases have been around for a long time. There are quite a few of them in the older literature from a book by Barrat in 1926, that has several in it. I don't know of any modern cases of this kind. Except for one or two, its precisely the same corroboration thing, we hear the story from one person, but we don't hear the story from others, or are not able to trace back whether they would have known it or not. So we are left not knowing.

(MR) Are you aware of the work that Michael Roll is doing at the moment and Ron Pearson ? (SB) Yes, I don't know Ron Pearson but I know Michael Roll. (MR) Do you feel they are barking up the wrong tree, or do you think that the evidence that they are trying to portray, the "Physists and Rationalists case for survival after death is a good one ? (SB) No I don't, I think they are misunderstanding the basic physical principles it's too deep, and I have problems with that. (MR) They are more or less into the sub atomic structure in regards to proving Life After Death etc, (SB) Yes you get a lot of people saying quantum mechanics allows for telepathy and so on, but you have to distort it in all sorts of odd ways, or make some very strange interpretation of it. It's quite clear that within most interpretations of quantum mechanics, that you cannot have instantaneous transformation of information without energy. Even in Bell's theorem ! for example, you have distant correlations which you don't have information transfer without energy, and that's what these things require. I'm not convinced by these sort of pseudo physics arguments at all.

(MR) Changing the subject slightly, have you any beliefs or opinions on the UFO phenomena ? (SB) It is outside the field of my enquiry. There are some commonalities between some abduction stories, and Near Death Experiences. They quite often have tunnels, and certainly have bright lights, other worlds where things are much clearer. There are similarities, and there is some evidence that there are similar kind of people who are prone to having UFO experiences and having (NDEs). I'm interested in it, but I'm definitely not an expert. (MR) Susan thank you very much for talking with me. (SB) Your welcome.

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■ SHEFFIELD CONGRESS. OK, be there or be square. The Sheffield UFO Congress in August is a must, details on page 22, and don't forget you have a chance to win free tickets with the ENIGMAS competition closing date July 19th. ■ DYING TO LIVE. Is the new book by Susan Blackmore from Grafton Paperbacks price £6.99, publishing date 28th June. Susan Blackmore photo this issue by Emma Cattell. ■ ORGONE 93.

Is a conference on how the works of Wilhelm Reich relate to UFOs and Crop Circles and Earth Mysteries, venue is the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London on the 4th of September, full details from Andy Collins P.O. Box 189, Leigh On Sea, Essex, England, SS9 1NF.

■ PSYCHIC WORLD. A new and well received spiritual newspaper has now hit the newsstands to complement the weekly Psychic News, priced 32 pence, (you can't say you can't afford it !) Its monthly and needs your support, so check it out today. Details from the Editor, Psychic World, Premier House, 22 Deansgate Manchester England, M3 1PH. ■ THANKS. My thanks to Edward Harris of Great Dunmow in Essex for transcribing from audio tape to script, the Susan Blackmore Interview. Edward is the Editor of World UFO Journal priced £1.50, and available from him at 16 Newton Green, Great Dunmow, Essex, England, CM6 1DU. Thanks also to Gerry Lovell of Wells Somerset England, for designing our front cover. Gerry is the Editor of Annals Of The Enquiring, priced £1.50, and available from him at 8 St John Street Wells, Somerset, England, BA5 1SW. ■ NEW MEMBERS. Some new members for this quarter are, Billy Devlin from Linthithgow, Scotland, Betty

Silconas from Sparta, NJ, USA. Gilbert Attard from Chemin Long La Crau, France. Bernhard Hauser from Friedrichshagen Germany. Mark Hawthorne from Kilsyth Scotland, Colin Wood from London, and also John Lundberg from London, to name but a few, welcome aboard. ■ IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION UP ? If a cross is included in the following box, this means that your subscription has run out with this issue. We at SPI hope that you remain with Scotland's leading paranormal Journal. ☐ ■ APPEAR LATER ! I've had to unfortunately leave out from this issue, Part 4 of the Alvina Scott Abduction Case, and also Part 2 of my interview with American UFOlogist William Moore, these will appear in a future issue of ENIGMAS. ■ SOME EXCHANGE MAGS. Gloucestershire Earth Mysteries, Editors, Danny Sullivan and Jo Anne Wilder, £2.00 from PO Box 258, Cheltenham England GL53 0HR. Mercian Mysteries, Editor Bob Trubshaw, £1.75 from, 2 Cross Hill Close, Wymeswold, Loughborough England, LE12 6UJ. Skylink magazine (London UFO Studies) £4.00 for 4 issues, from Roy Lake, IO A Tudor Road, Barking, Essex, England, IG11 9RX. ■ NESSIE IS A PENSIONER ! Scotland's Loch Ness Monster is 60 years old this year, for it was back in 1933 that "Nessie" was first revealed to the newspapers when a Mrs Aldie Mackay was being driven by her husband on the old lochside road when she saw a spalshing in the water which she believed to have been a monster. By the way, any overseas readers thinking of coming to Loch Ness to capture or harm our famous "beastie", should take heed, because "Nessie" is a protected species, yes that's right, an act to this effect was passed in Parliament back in 1934, so now you know !